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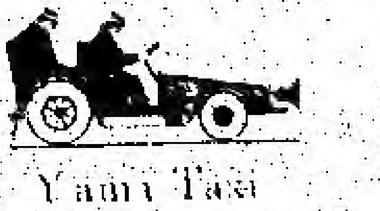

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SCHOOLS PLAN NEW TEXTS

$5000 Estimated Expenditure
Nisei To Act On Editorial Board

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Close collaboration with Public School authorities and the Department of Education at Victoria in the preparation of new text books for the Japanese Language Schools in the province was the hope expressed by some 100 language school representatives gathered at the special general meeting of the B. C. Japanese Language School Association last Sunday at the Alexander Hall.

In keeping with the long-felt want for text-books with topics relating to the Canadian scene, institutions, ideals and customs the delegates unanimously voted to select a Nisei on the staff of six who will have charge of editing the new books.

The proposal introduced by Yoshio Ono, teacher at the Seiyu Gakuin in Cumberland and a graduate of Union Theological College, brought little surprise to local observers.

General Principles

In drafting of new texts, the plans and general principles as laid down by outstanding local educationalists, including Principal T. Sato of the Vancouver Japanese Language School will be followed.

To avoid financial difficulties which forced the abandonment of the project in 1925, provision has been made for the adequate financing of the undertaking. A special treasury has been formed to collect donations from parents of pupils and the general public.

Budget for $5000

Estimates submitted by S. Aoki, treasurer of the Association, call for the sum of $5000, exclusive of the cost of printing. The greater part of this sum will go to pay for the services of a specialist in charge of the technical aspect of editing, as well as to the remuneration of the editorial board.

Included in the list of minor expenses are research, compilation of books and data, stationery, travelling expense, translation and stenography.

Preliminary drafting of the new texts is already under way.

$550 REALIZED FROM TALENT REVUE

A sum in excess of $550, the net proceeds of the recent Nisei Talent Revue, will be turned over to the Japanese Branch of the Vancouver Welfare Federation, it was announced last Monday night, following a meeting of the concert committee and the Vancouver JCCL executive.

Voluntary assistance both in the way of service and material helped to keep expenses at a minimum, it was reported; while donations towards the venture helped to swell income. Among these latter was a $10.00 donation from the Hompa Y.W.B.A.

The fund will be held in trust and added to from time to time in order to establish a convalescent home within the community.

Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

Nisei news . . . this week and the past few weeks has been almost exclusively an account of "so-and-so" being elected president or vice-president or treasurer or councillor or chairman or auditor of this society and that club and such a "kai" and the executive also includes Hideo and Eiko and Kazuo and Yoshiko and Tatsuo and so on ad infinitum until one is not merely vastly bored but tremendously irritated.

Not that we object to elections . . . they're necessary in a democratic state, but when a regular epidemic of executive officers descend upon us all at once like a rash of measles, we can't be blamed for feeling the way we do.

One significant note . . . in the club news, though, comes from Kitsilano way, with the report that executives will undertake a study of group savings plan, to help members embark upon some systematic saving.

It is a significant note because it is exceptional, whereas if we Nisei were using our heads we'd be concentrating to make such news the common feature of all our reports.

Actually, surveying the Nisei scene, if we were a generous columnist we'd say the Nisei had really gone to town as Epicurean philosophers—"Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die!" Unfortunately, serious thinking is a prime requisite for a philosopher, which is why there are so few in our community.

There seems to be a remarkable ignorance as to the full effects of the war today, and even less attention paid to its potential effects upon the Nise itomorrow. The fact that the war is costing this country more this one year than the whole four years of the last war . . . and the fact that ultimately the price for the whole bloody slaughter and destruction must be paid in terms of sweat and strain by the people like ourselves . . . all this is gaily disregarded as so much crepe-hanging.

Even the immediate possibility of butter rationing, or of sugar restriction, and the very real rise in the cost of living are pushed aside as thoroughly unwelcome and wholly unnecessary thoughts.

Nor have I seen any evidence to give me comfort that the Nisei are conscious of, or preparing for, the strain and stress of the immediate pots-war slump — a slump that is inevitable, whether we win, lose or draw in the war. One thing is certain . . . a battle for jobs as the thousands of soldiers now in the Active Service Force seek familiar places in civilian life. But none of this seems so important as the next dance, date, dame or game.

In truth there never was a time when Nisei young men particularly—a generation of young wage-earners who within a few years must assume the very real burdens of marriage and a family—should be casting a more wary eye toward the future, and thinking more seriously in terms of economy and savings. We can see a lot of grief headed our way if we don't start growing up a lot faster than we are — at present.

Ottawa Firm on Exclusion Of Nisei From Army Duty

VANCOUVER, B. C.—A reiteration of the Federal Government's stand in regard to the exclusion of Orientals from compulsory military service is contained in a communication received yesterday from Ottawa by the National Executive of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League, which addressed a telegram on January 15 embodying the text of a resolution adopted by a delegates' meeting of second generation organizations, requesting equal and similar treatment for the Nisei as for other Canadian citizens.

Undersecretary of State O. D. Skelton, who passed away suddenly last Tuesday, replying for the government, said that the Federal Government still believed that "if Canadian citizens of Oriental origin were to be called upon to perform compulsory military service at the present time unfortunate incidents might occur."

He again stressed the hope of the government that Japanese Canadians would be ready "to make their contribution to the national war effort in some other form."

Text of the communication follows:

"The Prime Minister has receipt of your telegram of January 15 in which you quoted a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League. While fully understanding the spirit and the motive which actuated members of the League in passing the Resolution under reference, the Prime Minister and the members of the Government are still of the opinion which was expressed by Mr. King in his recently published statement that if Canadian Citizens of Oriental racial origin were to be called upon to perform compulsory military service at the present time unfortunate incidents might occur. You will recall that Mr. King added that it was hoped Canadian citizens of Oriental race would be ready to 'make their contribution to the national war effort in some other form.'

"I shall be grateful if you will bring this reply to the attention of the members of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League."

O. D. Skelton.

A detailed statement of the Nisei viewpoint upon the question of military service is expected to be forwarded this week to Ottawa by the special committee set up by the meeting of delegates January 14.

REGISTRATION CO-OPERATION

Premier Gives Personal Thanks

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced a special registration of all Japanese in Canada, "in order to protect the Japanese themselves", at the same time declaring that the government was "satisfied that the great majority of the people of Oriental origin who are now in Canada are thoroughly loyal" to Canada.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 8. — The National JCCL dispatched the following telegram to Ottawa: "Japanese Canadian Citizens League representing British subjects of Japanese origin appreciate spirit which resulted in announcement of special registration of Japanese residents in Canada. Prepared to co-operate fully. Hope scheme will allay unnecessary fear and suspicion regarding Japanese in Canada."

VANCOUVER, Jan. 20.—In a personal letter to President Harry Naganobu, Prime Minister Mackenzie King said:

"Your telegram of the 9th January has been received and read with much pleasure. I was confident that our fellow citizens of Japanese racial origin resident in British Columbia would understand the motives which led to the decision of the Government to undertake the proposed registration. I am glad to have this evidence that my confidence was well founded.

"Will you please accept for yourself and convey to the members of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League this statement of my appreciation for the admirable spirit in which they have accepted the Government's proposal.

On The Newsfront

Merchants' Association Elects New Officers.

VANCOUVER. — R. Nobuoka, prominent fish broker, was elected president of the Japanese Merchants' Association, Tuesday. The executive includes: T. Nimi, vice-president; Y. Nakazawa, chairman; K. Ozawa, vice-chairman; S. Izukawa, treasurer; and K. Kawai and R. Hoshino, auditors.

Fairview Y.M.B.A. Issues 20th Anniversary Magazine

Some 90 pages of interesting articles, messages and stories, and a pictorial presentation of members, their activities and projects comprise the material contained in the "Sakae-no Hikari," 20th anniversary magazine of the Fairview Y.M.B.A., which was issued this week under the chief editorship of Takeo Kitamura.

Vancouver Citizens League Invites Mayor to Speak

VANCOUVER. — Officers of the Vancouver Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League will be elected at the final general meeting for 1940-41, tentatively set for Thursday, February 13. An invitation to address the meeting, which is open to the public, is being extended to His Worship Mayor J. W. Cornett.

A nominating committee composed of Harry Shibuya, Kiyoshi Suga, Eiji Yatabe and Thomas Shoyama will submit the slate of 13 officers to guide the Chapter for the next year.

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CHEMAINUS, B. C.—Chemainus Chapter, JCCL, will hold its annual general meeting here February 2, to elect officers for 1941.

Hotel Owner Buys Own Carpet From Thief

The Japanese proprietor of the Rancho Hotel on East Cordova is not sure whether he saved $115 or lost $185. At any rate he may have had to pay twice for the 47-foot roll of carpet in his hotel, but at least he has it.

Last Friday he reported to police that thieves had sneaked into his hotel, and left with two rolls of hall carpeting valued at $150.

On Wednesday, the proprietor said, a stranger came to his office and offered him his own carpet back for $35. He paid.

He told police later that he did not call police when the stranger was in his office, for fear of what the racketeer might do.

CJA Elections

Pledge Co-operation In War Effort

VANCOUVER. — The full co-operation and support of the Japanese community was pledged to the Federal Government in its war effort at the annual general meeting of the Canadian Japanese Association, largest Japanese organization in the province, held here last week at the Japanese Hall.

A resolution adopted declared the intent of Japanese residents to carry on through the ordinary pursuit of business, the full observance of war-time legislation, and the support of war-time public policy.

In elections for the Board of Directors, controlling body of the association which boasts some 3000 members, three prominent leaders active in community work among the second generation were placed among the 35 directors.

Standing high in the polls was Jitaro "Chuck" Tanaka, former baseball star and Mikado Club leader, Nobuichi Yamaoka, active in Japanese Canadian Citizens League work, was returned to the board, as was Dr. M. Miyazaki, last year's treasurer.

"Eddie" Kitagawa, JCCL national treasurer, was again chosen auditor.

Heading the polls were three prominent citizens and perennial members of the board, Messrs. E. Morii, E. Kagetsu and T. Nishikawa.

Fukuoka Society Pledges Loyalty

Fete Parents For Issei-Nisei Co-operation

VANCOUVER.—A pledge of "deepest loyalty to Canada in the present great emergency" and a resolution to do their "part in full" received the wholehearted support of members of the Fukuoka Seinenkai, gathered here last Sunday, January 26, for their eighth annual general meetnig. A large number of delegates were present, including members from Hammond and Haney.

Under the chairmanship of Shige Okumura, who gave a brief opening address, the meeting rose in silence in honour of the soldiers in the British and Allied armies who have given up their lives in the war.

Following the presidential address by Don Sugiman, reports were given by Secretary Larry Nakatsuka and Treasurer Lucy Koyanagi, and new members were introduced.

Co-operate with Issei

A resolution "that we Nisei, in order to succeed in Canada, must co-operate with the Issei, and therefore a 'Keirokai' will be held with that object in view", introduced by the president, received unanimous support.

Decisions on the establishment of an office, canvassing for new members and participation in the Bussei League's annual oratorical contest were left to the new executive.

It was decided to hold a joint social with the Haney-Hammond members at Hammond, to hold the annual social with the Kumamoto Seinenkai, and to hold a round table-discussion with honorary members. The annual fee will remain at 50 cents.

New Executive

Elected to the executive for 1941 were the following: Don Sugiman, president; Misao Hatanaka, Shige Okumura, vice-presidents; Yuriko Hatanaka, Akira Abe, general secretaries; and Lucy Koyanagi, treasurer.

Balance of the executive appointed by the foregoing officers includes: Tamaye Shintani, recording secretary; Yoshihiro Suyama, chairman, Tom Hatanaka, vice-chairman; David Arikado, Mary Miyasaki, auditors; Sumiko Shigematsu, Larry Nakatsuka, Rose Miyasaki, social convenors; Shige Onizuka, Kojiro Ebisuzaki, Mamoru Inouye, Nobuo Nagasaki, Susumu Tsuruda, Toshiko Hatanaka, councillors; Eichi Oike, Haney representative; Henry Kusano, Yoshimaru Abe, Hammond; and Masayoshi Shiomi, Zenji Matsugu, advisors.

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All eyes will be focused on this polished performer when she makes her appearance on the stage of the Kitsilano High School auditorium, Saturday night, February 1. A surprise winner of the Percy Gomery Cup for the best individual performance in last year's C.Y.Y.P.U. Drama Festival, Miss Hyodo has scored further triumphs in Nisei amateur productions during the past year. She plays the part of a traditionally conservative mother in this year's Powell Y.P. presentation, "Heaven on Earth."

Tickets may be secured from The New Canadian.

Fairview YMBA Push Support for JCCL

Support for the Japanese Canadian Citizens League as the representative Nisei organization was promised following a meeting of the newly-elected executive of the Fairview Young Men's Buddhist Association last Sunday, when plans were laid for the year, and appointments made to various positions in connection with the association's work.

While discouraging the suggestion of a wholesale or group affiliation with the JCCL, the executive approved a suggestion to urge all members to sign up also as members of the Vancouver Chapter of the JCCL.

Among activities planned for the year, the Association will again sponsor an oratorical contest in March, and hold the Spring Bazaar in co-operation with the Women's Association and the Y.W.B.A. Members, too, will undertake to perform repairs and improvements to the Church and grounds.

Athletic activities will be encouraged as usual, a raffle being planned for this purpose.

School Oratory Deadline Is Febuary 1st

The Varsity Students' Club-sponsored Oratorical Contest for Nisei students is only ten days away. February 8 is the date — at the Japanese Hall.

Entrants are urgently requested to send in their entries to David Shiozaki, 341 E. Hastings, not later than February 1, since the plans for the annual event must be completed by the beginning of next week.

Remember! February 1 is the deadline. And February 8 is the date!

A Stitch In Time

Red Cross Unit Calls Annual Meet

February 23 is the date set for the annual general meeting of the Japanese Canadian Red Cross Unit to be held at the Nippon Club, three o'clock, Sunday afternoon.

Elections will be held for convenor and captains, and important business matters will be discussed. All members and friends are requested to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Miss Marjorie Busteed, active Red Cross worker, has been officially appointed supervisor for the Japanese Canadian Unit.

Girls are reminded of the Unit "Work Night" to be held on February 5, Wednesday evening.

Kits Nisei To Study Savings Plan

YMBA Maps Year's Prog.: Yoshida Prexy

General discussion on activities and projects to be undertaken during 1941 highlighted the sixteenth annual meeting of the Kitsilano Young Men's Buddhist Association last Sunday, when Hideo Yoshida was chosen president in the annual elections.

Following opening speeches and the presentation of reports by various officers, business matters of importance were discussed. Constitutional amendments adopted provide for the addition of three more members to the executive, the holding of regular monthly meetings, and the appointment of auditors by the president.

Among projects planned for this year, the new executive will study possibilities of beginning a group savings plan in the association, to help members secure economic security. The Association, too, will attempt the publication of an all-English magazine.

Nisei unity was stressed in discussion on possibilities of affiliation with the Y.W.B.A. and also with other Kitsilano Nisei clubs.

Reports indicating the achievements of the past season were presented by the following: Secretarial, Hideo Yoshida; treasury, Yoshio Terada; Sunday School, Takeo Nishizaki and Ju Kojima; literary, Frank Fukuhara; social, Tommy Wakabayashi; and sport, Yoshio Terada.

Election Results

Elected to honorary membership in the Association were the past president, Kanichi Mori, and Yoshio Nishimura.

Assisting President-elect Hideo Yoshida will be the following executive members: Tommy Shimizu and Yoshio Terada, corresponding secretaries; Takeo Yoshida, treasurer; Frank Fukuhara, savings plan and oratorical convenor; Tokuzo Wakabayashi and Tanabe Takezo, auditors; Takeo Nishizaki, Sunday School; Hideo Yamada, social convenor; Eichi Wakabayashi, drama; Chuck Terada, sport; and Kunizo Yoshida, Takeo Nakahama, Hideo Maeda, Seizo Ohashi, Tsugio Shimizu, Etaro Ezaki and Yukio Akada, councillors.

Thanks are extended to the following gentlemen for their assistance in making the social which followed the meeting a success: Messrs. Y. Kobori, Y. Nishimura, K. Mori, E. Ezaki, T. Hori, Y. Obayashi and S. Nishizaki. Thanks, too, to the Kitsilano Shojokai for their help and assistance.

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CAPITAL CITY CHATTER

On January 26, the annual general meeting of the Taiyo Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kawasoe.

After one of the most closely contested election in the club's history—the positions of president, treasurer and sports convenor were dead-locked twice in each case and were only settled by the taking of an "absentee vote."

Harold Kawasoe was re-elected president, with Muss Okamoto vice-president, Masao Kuwabara secretary, Muneo Kawasoe treasurer and Tsutomu Shimizu as sports convenor.

The speakers for the evening were Hideyuki Ioi, Toyo Takata and Susumu Shimizu. The meeting closed with the serving of refreshments.

The home of Miss Marion Yoneda was the site of much fun and merriment on the entertained at a farewell tea night of January 22 when she and social in honor of Eichi Kondo.

The invited guests were: Misses Aiko and Fumiko Kondo, Yaeko Henmi, Shigeno Fujikawa, Haruco and Michico Okamoto and Messrs H. E. Kondo, George Kuwata, Masa Kuwabara and Sam, Stum and Muss Okamoto.

Vagaries: Have word that **Tak Kuwabara,** who was badly hurt in an accident recently, will be confined to his hospital bed for another month or so. We think it was a grand gesture on the part of the members of the Taiyo Club the other evening, when they resolved that all members make it their duty to write to him. Knowing that there are many friends of his who would like to send him a few words, we pass on to you the following: He may be reached by addressing all mail in c/o West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni, B.C. . . . **Stummie** says any time you want to have a good laugh, just ask "Peter" about the soup up at the Cecil Cafe . . . . The best laugh of the week: Who was the party who found himself sitting on a lady's lap, the other afternoon at a movie, before he realized that the seat was already occupied. All he could say was, "It was so dark that I couldn't see at all—figured that it was a little too c o m f o r t a b l e, though!"

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Seattle Planning National Bussei Convention

SEATTLE, Wash. — April 25-27, has been set as the date for the second national Young Buddhist convention to be held here, with delegates from all over the country.

Special efforts will be made to get the older former members and leaders to participate in this national gathering.

An invitation will be sent to the Bussei basketball champs of California to meet the Northwest title team for the Pacific Coast title.

Tentatively planned for the gathering are discussion sections, oratorical contests in English and Japanese, and social events.

Summerland Sallies

By Amari Shaberu

Many moons have come and faded away since "Summerland" appeared 'twixt the covers of this paper. Important world events have gone down in history, and many things of local importance have passed by unrecorded. But here are the Nisei highlights of the past months.

The social event of the past year was the marriage of one of our most popular girls, the former Shima Kuroda, to Mr. I. Ono of Vancouver, where the June bride is now residing.

A distinguished visitor to our community last summer was the Japanese Consul, who addressed a gathering at the local hall last July.

Summerland's athletic prowess was upheld last season by the Hinode baseball nine, which showed its superiority over the Kelowna Busscis in two games.

We lost an active Nisei leader early last September, when Katsumi Inayoshi, former president of the local Nisei Club, went to Vancouver for his health. And our good wishes at this time to Miss H. Inaba and her brother, who are also experiencing life in the "Big City."

Yuletide holidays in Vancouver were also enjoyed by Mr. M. Kita Sr. and his three sons and daughters. Mr. M. Kita Jr. is now bread-winning in the City.

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On December 15, the local Nisei Club held its long overdue meeting. Elections were held, resulting in the choice of Minoru Kita as president. He will be assisted by Vice-President Frank Kuroda and Treasurer Miss Miwa Tada. May they reign with the firm hand of justice!

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Farmers Watching Movement For Egg Marketing Control In Fraser Valley

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. — Japanese Canadian poultry farmers in the Lower Mainland area are watching with keen interest the progress of a movement toward the establishment of some form of control over the marketing of eggs in local markets.

It was indicated here recently following a meeting of large producers that possibly attempts would be made to set up a marketing board under the provisions of the British Columbia Natural Products Marketing Act, in an attempt to secure better returns for the primary producer.

Surplus Production

At the present time there exists normally a surplus production over and above local demand of some 5 to 10 per cent. This is thought to be the principal factor in depressing the retail price of fresh eggs below that considered necessary to ensure a reasonable return to the farmer.

This surplus, however, is not always present, and fluctuates considerably with the season. It has been necessary at times to import eggs to meet the local demand. For this reason it has not been possible to develop profitable export markets, since supplies are not always constant.

Production, at present, it is estimated roughly by one source, averages 6000 cases per week in the Lower Fraser Valley. A considerable proportion of this is supplied by Japanese producers, who have built up poultry farms of very large size, located principally in districts adjacent to New Westminster.

Voluntary methods of marketing control, pooling and so forth have been advanced previously but with little success. It is thought in some quarters that a marketing scheme similar in principle to that existing in the whole milk industry would help to meet the situation.

Hunt For Nisei Of The Year Getting Hotter

LOS ANGELES. — With the "Nisei of the Year" search now well in its fourth week, nominations are beginning to pour into the committee's Chicago headquarters in an increasing stream.

Among the early nominees are the names of two loca Nisei, Togo Tanaka and Hitoshi Yonemura. Tanaka is English section editor of the Rafu Shimpo and one of the Southland's outstanding young Niseis. He was chosen this week as "Nisei of the week."

Yonemura is a junior student at U.C.L.A., and active in student affairs. Also nominated have been Kazuko Tajitsu, talented young Seattle-born violinist; George Furiya, author of "Act of God" and other stories; Masao Yoshida, Nisei violinist of Alameda who recently returned from Europe; and Sono Osato, beauteous ballerina star.

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(AN ANNIVERSARY EDITORIAL)

THE Federal Government's reply to the second generation request for equal and similar treatment under the conscription program is substantially that which was expected; and for the present, Canadian citizens of Oriental origin will not be expected to perform compulsory military service.

For the moment, it would seem that the Nisei in Canada have come face to face with a blank wall in their efforts to win recognition as citizens of this Dominion. It is an opportune moment, then, for each of us and for this newspaper in particular, to take stock of the situation, and to envision our program for the immediate and more distant future.

It is perhaps almost symbolic that the reply of the Government in respect to a question relating to "national war services" should have come in this particular case from the Department of External Affairs. It is symbolic to us of the attitude of Canadian society, its individuals, institutions and government, that a question involving natural-born citizens should nevertheless be handled by a department whose primary function has to do with the consideration of aliens and international policy. It indicates to us the evident confusion in the public and official mind as between alien Japanese resident in Canada, and citizens of Japanese race born or naturalized in Canada. It has been this confusion, this apparent failure to grasp the essential difference between aliens and citizens that has marked the attitude of Government and public alike in any consideration of the Japanese in British Columbia.

But must we then, at this impasse, accept the decision of the Government, or of the public, as a final, irrevocable blow to our forty-year struggle for political, economic and social emancipation? Are we, then, to be content that we should continue to live, grow and die in Canada, as a small, isolated minority, segregated both physically and spiritually from the body politic in Canada? The answer of each of us, and certainly this journal, must be and is an emphatic "No!"

For in the final analysis, not only ourselves, but Canada itself must realize that no positive good to the nation, but rather positive harm will develop from the setting apart of a group of citizens as separate and distinct from the rest. In recent weeks, particularly following the collapse of the Rowell-Sirois Conference, we have seen the tremendous emphasis placed upon the need for geographical unity in Canada. Fully as vital to Canada today and in the future, must be the establishment of unity between races; and dominating Anglo-French Canadian relations in the east have their counterpart in Occidental-Oriental relations in the west. If we, as Canadians of Oriental origin can play our part in the welding of national unity in British Columbia, we shall have made a contribution to this nation equal in principle if not in degree to the work of French-Canadian leaders, headed by the Hon. Ernest Lapointe, whose stand on the question of military conscription last year is said to have saved Confederation in Canada.

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THE immediate program for the second generation Japanese and the community as a whole is to carry on under war-time conditions, accepting with good grace restrictions which the Government deems advisable. But the acceptance of restrictions cannot and must not imply an assent to a permanent policy of regarding Canadians of Oriental origin as aliens because of their racial ancestry. Rather, if we must for the present mark time in our progress towards citizenship, we must make use of that time to improve our prospects for the future.

There are numerous internal questions, in our own individual, group and community life today, demanding and clamouring for attention. There are evident instances of ignorance, intolerance and prejudice which hinder united effort. There are social problems which retard the healthy, progressive development of the community. There are questions of economic status and security, of wasteful and idle expenditure, which confound us. There is inefficiency in organization and inefficiency in leadership which must be remedied. And there is evident a failure to appreciate to the fullest the implications of our duties and our privileges as citizens of Canada.

Professor H. F. Angus, a member of the Sirois Commission, has used the picture of Canada, a man struggling up a steep hill, with a heavy pack digging into his back and hindering his progress, because the contents are not properly arranged and balanced. Climbing up the hill, he is now forced to pick up a heavy rifle in one hand. If it were important, Professor Angus asks, to re-arrange the pack in peace-time to help the man up the hill, how much more necessary is it during war-time, when the man must carry the additional weight of the rifle.

Although the Nisei are not going to war, we can twist that picture to apply to ourselves. For the moment apparently, we can make no great progress in our struggle toward citizenship; and the road itself seems to have become more tortuous and impassable than ever before. How much more important, it is then, that we should examine our pack, arrange it most efficiently, discard that which is useless, and stock up in that which is essential?

At the close of the war we shall face a rough and rocky road through post-war re-adjustment; and our immediate program ought to be directed to equipping ourselves for the conquest of that trail. Its end lies in the realization of citizenship. And that, in terms of human values, is a free and equal opportunity to be born and grow up in a decent environment, to secure a decent job, to make use of your abilities and talents, to marry and rear children, to enjoy the company of your fellows, to pay your taxes, to take part in your government, and to serve your country.

If the discipline and effort today be rigorous, the prize is that much the more worthwhile!

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Voice Of The Nisei

Thanks For Support

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: I would like to express to everyone my appreciation for the grand and wonderful support the whole community gave me at the Amateur Contest. With their kind support I was presented with the Grand First Prize. I still have a long way to go and this is just a start. To each and everyone I'd like to say, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart" for being so kind. Most of the credit belongs to my good friend and accompanist, Miss Lily Ide. With her wonderful playing, I hope I did justice to the music played.

I am very sorry there couldn't have been any more than one prize as Miss Fudge Toyota did a grand job in her singing. Here's wishing her the best of luck in the future because she deserves every bit of it.

Katie Oyama.

3446 Dunbar St.

American Cousin

The Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: . . . (The New Canadian) was read thoroughly from cover to cover by me, and there were several articles that were food for thought. When I read those interesting articles I wished that many Nisels here could read your newspaper, too. I've passed my copy on to a friend who is on the staff of our J.A.C.L. paper and am sure he can fully appreciate your articles, too. The more the paper circulates, the better acquainted we'll be with our Canadian cousins. We both have much to work for.

Alice Iwataki.

Alameda, Calif.

War Contributions

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: I was interested to read your editorial last week in which you suggested that we get together and pool our donations to the government for national defence. I think most people will agree that it would be a good idea, considering how many donations have been made already. But if we're going to do such a thing we should start right now and not wait any longer. If some organization would start the movement, everyone who was going to donate would be glad to support it.

The same thing may be true about your suggestion that we go back to the Great War to prove our loyalty. If the first generation over twenty years ago raised and trained soldiers to go overseas, we should be able to do it now. Of course I know that the Nisei have been called disloyal so often, that many wouldn't be willing to support it now. But the real trouble would be the government, wouldn't it? They've already excluded the Nisei from the training camps, so they might not accept Nisei even for service in the east.

"Nisei."

City.

"Yes," said the Issei father to his visitor, "I am proud of my girls, and I would like to see them all comfortably married. Since I've made a little money, they'll not go penniless to their husbands. Take Masako, for instance. She's twenty-five years old and a good-looking girl. I'll give her $1000 when she marries.

"Then there is Hana, who is thirty-five. I'll give her $ 000 when she marries. The lucky man who takes Sumiko will receive $5000 with her."

The young visitor, a struggling young Nisei clerk, thought a moment and asked: "You haven't one about sixty-five, have you?"

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AND so we are two!

For as this issue goes to press on the last day of January, 1941, we riffle through the pages of our files, back through issue after issue to February 1, 1939. And every page brings to us a memory as sharp and gusty as the east winds whistling a spring down through Powell Street. This event, that story, an article here or a column, there a name and another, even editorials.

Through the dog-eared pages of that first issue, yellowish-brown now around the edges. You, perhaps, will see only the black headline, "Smuggling Charges Denied by Board." But we—we see that day when all of us clustered around with clumsy, amateurish hands to pull the first proof in triumph. There was chatter and quip and crack and snort, and sudden silence, every tongue silent, as every eye took in the first four pages. And the rumble of the press, and then the first 2500 copies to fold by hand! How long ago it seems, for we have had no time to sit and think of those beginnings!

But sitting here this morning—the patter of familiar rain and the splash of cars through puddles on the street, the linotyper waiting for his copy—(and thanks, Emil, for all your help)—we can only think — "It's really been a grand experience."

Everything we have seen, met and done, everything we have read, and heard and written, in some way or other has become a part of us . . . the meetings, the speeches, the conferences, games and shows and statements, concerts and tournaments and parties, and most of all the people. . .

From all of you we have learned something of human greatness, tangy with the flavour of human folly and foible. A host of you come crowding into mind, some only shadowy and fleeting, others with form and shape and colour, voice and thought.

We've met and talked and watched you, Niseiana, written you up, criticized you and admired you. With part of you we've worked, side by side, laughed and danced, planned, and hoped, and even dreamed. Part of you we know only by your letters, and visioned you through your writing, or your English, or your doings—but just the same we know you!

And so, although we're receiving best wishes on our birthday, we really think we should pass them on to all of you, along with any accompanying "Royal Bumps." Because all of you and only you have made it possible for The New Canadian to emerge from out of the diaper stage—if we have. We, here at 396 Powell, Trinity 0309, $2.50 per year in advance (advt.), have only been the nursemaids, so to speak, of a rather noisy baby of your own creation. We only hope this baby has done its bawling most effectively in the right quarters.

Some day, we hope we can look down in our doddering dotage to these impudent beginnings. And if the span of years fulfills the promise of these first two, we think we'll be able to say, "Covering Isseiana and Niseiana and Sanseiana was really great. We only wish we had to do it all over again!"

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Town Topics . . .

The Bridal Trail

Announced recently by her mother, Mrs. N. Saito, was the engagement of Tatsue Saito to Mr. Kiyoshi Hori, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hori. The wedding will take place late this year. Nakodos are Mr. and Mrs. O. Kawaguchi and Mr. and Mrs. F. Akiyama.

Of widespread interest in the Interior and at the Coast is the announcement made by Mr. and Mrs. H. Kawano of Coldstream Ranch, Vernon, of the engagement of their eldest daughter, Grace Hideko, to Mr. Jerry K. Ito, second son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Ito of Ganges.

Baishakunin for the engagement is Mr. J. Izumigawa of Woodfibre. An early fall wedding is presaged for the young couple.

Kokikai members chose Haruko Maruno their president for 1941 at the annual meeting held Sunday at the New Pier Cafe. Her executive includes: Koichi Kaminishi, vice-president; Misao Taguchi, secretary; Shima Ozawa, treasurer. Councillors chosen are: Teruyo Sugiura, Itsuko Igashira, Mitsuko Takahashi, Margaret Hatanaka, Ray Oyama, Michiko Umakoshi, Shotaro Tomita, George Sato, George Takahashi, Dick Matsui, Roy Ito and Kiyoshi Fukui.

Shotaro Tomita and Misao Taguchi submitted secretary's and treasurer's reports respectively.

Shige Okumura Again Shiseikai President

The eighth annual meeting of Shiseikai was held at the Japanese School last Saturday evening with President Shige Okumura in the chair. Following an address by Mr. Sato, secretary's and treasurer's reports were heard from Lily Sato and Lily Fukumura.

In annual elections Shige Okumura was again chosen to lead the school club for 1941. Others on the executive are Blackie Okuno, vice-president; Lily Sato, secretary, and Lily Fukumura, treasurer.

Councillors will be appointed later by the executive.

Following the meeting, members joined in a gay social with the Meirokai at Hastings Auditorium.

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Following in the footsteps of the older clubs, Taiwakai held its second general meeting last Saturday at the Japanese School when Kaye Uda was elected president.

With Yuriko Nagata presiding, the meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada" and the school song. Principal Sato addressed the group, and reports were heard from Fumiyo Okawa, secretary; Samuel Yamada, finance, and Kaye Uda, sport.

Comprising the 1941 executive in addition to Kaye Uda are Yuriko Nagata, vice-president; George Tsushima, treasurer; Tataru Kagawa, assistant treasurer; George Takabashi, secretary; Sam Yamasaki and Maude Okumura, sport captains; and Satoko Hiraki, Edythe Akazawa, Tom Uyede, Shigeo Tabata, Toyokazu Ebata, directors.

Kumamoto Seinenkai

Kumamoto Seinenkai will hold its annual general meeting this coming Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at the New Pier Cafe. The meeting will be followed by a dinner at five.

Kokikai Sixth

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Luke Tanabe was elected president of the Meirokai at the annual meeting held last Saturday evening at the Japanese School. He will be assisted on the executive by Pat Kawajiri, vice-president; Kimi Hirota, secretary; Yoshio Kagawa, treasurer; and Tak Yamada and Hideo Iguchi, publicity.

★Calendar

FEBRUARY

1—Powell Street Y.P.S. Entry in Greater Vancouver Y.P.C., Kitsilano High, 8 p.m. 25c.

1—Seikokai Junior Church Social, Church of Ascension, 1701 West 3rd Ave., 7 p.m.

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1—Koryo Seinenkai 21st Annual Meeting, New Pier Cafe, 6:30 p.m.

2—Fairview Y.W.B.A. 14th Annual

2—Bussei League's Board of Directors Meeting, Fairview Temple, 2 p.m.

2—Kumamoto Seinenkai Annual Meeting, New Pier Cafe, 4 p.m. 25c.

3—Lily Washimoto in Recital, CBR, 8:30 to 8:45 p.m.

6—Strathcona Grads Re-union, Fuji, 6 p.m.

8—J.S.C. Oratorical Contest for High School Students, Japanese Hall.

9—Chichibukai Annual Meeting, New Pier Cafe, 5 p.m. 35c.

10—Japanese Soccer League Skatefest, Happyland, 35c.

22—International Basketball Game and Dance, Exhibition Gardens, 7 p.m.

Junior Church To Install Officers

An impressive and fitting ceremony will install the members of the board of session and board of stewards of the Powell Junior Church this coming Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. K. Shimizu has chosen for his sermon topic, "Let Us Be Realistic, but Christian."

Mariko Uyeda will be the soloist, and the Junior Church choir will render choral music.

Spring Coats at Modiste

It's a little ways to spring yet, but now and again you can't help catching a whiff of it in the air.

And Mr. Shimo-takabara, stylewise proprietor of Modiste Fashion Shop on Granville Street, has alfinest stock of spring coats he has ever handled. Up-to-the-minute in the style forecast for spring, wartime motif and all.

They've been tailored, too, to Modiste specifications based on long experience with Miss Niseiette's own ready brought in the largest and figure.

One of the most attractive things about the new stock is the agreeable price range—one that won't spoil your enjoyment in your new spring outfit.

Femme-Fare

By Cinderella

"To speak or not to speak, that is the question . . .

To speak or not to speak, that is the question when Nisei girl meets Nisei boy on the street, on the avenue, or in the school corridor. He is an acquaintance. Should she speak and say "Hello?" But she may think her a forward wench, or just another bold female making a "pass" at him. (The male ego, you know!) Should she pass by with eyes fixed straight ahead, or casually cross the street to avoid the oncoming male, and thereby risk the appellation of "snooty" or "unfriendly"? If he would only speak first! (Sometimes, even though Dame Etiquette does not decree it, there are those precious males, who, by some inner sense, realize that we, at times, are shy, and break the ice for us!)

Little Lady, speak up! It's true that according to the rules and regulations governing decorum, laid down in the book of etiquette of our venerable ancestors, no well-bred girl makes the first overtures! Never! Immodest! Wait until addressed! Well and good in Issei company, but if you're a Niseiette, you have to be a kind of chameleon, for Emily Post says 'tis up to the girl to acknowledge the gentleman with a gracious smile—'tis her place to speak first, to be the one to pause for a chat. So girls, it's your own fault if you lack friends. Little ladies, speak up!

Charm in a nutshell . . .

When an old lady of eighty can still be the centre of attraction in any gathering, she must have something. A young girl, envying her grandmother's charm, once asked what her secret was.

"My child," said the grandmother, "just remember this: in the alphabet of charm there is no such letter as 'I,' it is all 'U.'"

—Christian Science Monitor

"Canned magic"

Men may rant against the modern miss for cooking out of cans, and sigh for the good old days of thick, juicy steaks smothered in onions, those fat sausages sizzling in the pan for breakfast, those generous but featherweight pancakes that mother used to make, and glare at the "jiffy dinners" put on the market for sale. But believe me, if the modern miss does wield the can-opener overtime, she's learned to be a versatile can-opener wielder, and a past master at combining cans of soup with strange ingredients, and producing—"ooh, la, la," as the French would say with a smack of his lips.

Now, have you heard of Tomato Soup Cake with Cream Cheese Icing? Sounds funny, doesn't it, but it tastes swell, so don't shy away from the recipe.

Tomato Soup Cake

2 cups pastry flour	1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon soda	1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 can Tomato Soup	1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 cup butter, melted	1 cup raisins or nutmeats

Sift and measure flour, resift with soda, salt, baking powder, cinnamon and cloves. Add melted butter to tomato soup, add sugar. Combine with dry ingredients. Add raisins or nutmeats. Pour into greased pan and bake 45 minutes in 350 degrees F.

And now the icing!

1 package cream cheese 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla flavouring

Cream together until soft, add flavouring and spread on cake.

Carrots, in themselves, aren't a bit appetizing, are they, even though they be full o' vitamins. But, camouflaged with cream of mushroom soup, the lowly carrot becomes a dish fit for the lord and master of any home. And it saves the bother of measuring a bit o' this and a dash o' that to acquire that exquisite flavour!

Carrots with Mushroom Sauce

Scrape 2 bunches of carrots. Cut in 1/2-inch lengths. Cover with boiling water, then add: 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon sugar. Cook until tender, then drain well and add: 2 tablespoons of butter. When butter is melted, sprinkle with: 2 tablespoons flour. Mix thoroughly and add: 1 small (10 oz.) can cream of mushroom soup. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened.

So, go to it, Niseiettes!

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It Was Ever Thus . . .

By KEN ROYAMA

MAS took a seat on the right side of the 5:30 a.m. interurban for Weston. He looked out through the window, across the tracks gleaming metallic in the lights of the terminal yard and across a stretch of vacant lot, black, edged with silver under the moon, to where a square of luminous yellow showed in the black, uncertain silhouette of a house. She was there now, he knew, moving about in that soft light, quietly on slippered feet, clearing up the remains of the lunch she had made for him but a few moments before, shaking up the fire in the kitchen range, getting the breakfast things out on the table, although it would be a good two hours before father and Jun and sis got up.

MOTHER, he thought, had a way of always making herself most readily remembered in terms of lamplight and the quiet hours of the night and early morning. Always it had been so—mother etching herself on his deepest awareness as a figure belonging essentially to a world of subdued light burning in the long, silent stretch between midnight and dawn. How often, for instance, in his sickly childhood had he awakened from distressed and feverish sleep at some still and unknown hour of the night, to find her sitting there in the shaded glow of the bedside lamp like some calm and watchful angel and to know a cool hand placed upon his hot, damp forehead.

Another picture came to his mind: of mother working behind drawn curtains in the tailor shop by night, fingers flying swiftly under the mazda glow to make up the arrears of an overfull day. She had no ability to haggle, to harden her heart to the appeals of the lean-pursed or the hurried ones, and the work piled up. She worked endlessly, impelled by habit, by her deep sense of obligation to family, at times even the sheer economic necessity of not stopping to rest, and always by a kind of waking dream in her gentle brown eyes of some millenium of vague but agreeable proportions awaiting her and hers in the not too far off future.

He thought of her, too, sitting in the children's room on winter evenings: the large four-poster and its white spread an isolated area of light in the surrounding darkness, and she herself, half-shadowed in a rocker at its side, telling the old folk-tales of Japanese that always began: "Mukashi, mukashi, o-mukashi . . . ." Long after "Momo-taro" and "Urashima-taro" and Shita-kiri suzume" and all the others in the galaxy of Nippon's folklore had lost their first strong hold upon him, he had lain there with younger, wide-eyed Jun, quietly content just to hear her soft low voice follow the familiar cadences, rising and falling with the old-remembered climaxes and surprises and ultimate triumphs of mythology.

He remembered also a cold dark morning in late fall, when he was seven and went on that first terrifying trip to the hospital. True, it was father who rode with him in the taxi and held his hand, but it was her his heart desperately clamoured for to be with him on that lonely ride. And in after years, it was her face and voice he recalled, as she stood framed in the light of the front door, soothing his fears and his pain, making him brave in spite of his small, terrified, sick-boy self.

Always it had been like that. In the images that the crises of his life (such as they were) the momentous things of childhood and boyhood, left impressed upon his mind, it was his mother and lamplight falling on her patient face and the calming strength of her making itself felt through her almost young-girl shyness that formed the central and identifying motif. And now . . . .

TICKETS, please," the large, red-faced conductor was saying. Mas fished into his coat breast-pocket for his commutation book, new and inviolate, purchased just the day before.

"Kind of early, ain't ya, young fellow?" the fat man remarked, as he tore out the first leaf and handed the book back.

"Yeah, kind of. Starting college this morning." Mas tried to make his voice sound casual. "Hard to find a place to stay in Weston. Guess I've got to commute for the first month or so."

The conductor nodded and went down the aisle, taking up the tickets of the three or four other passengers in the car and then returning to the front where he poked his head into the motorman's cubicle and said, "Okay, Jim."

Through his seat Mas felt the throbbing of compressers pumping air for the brakes. There were two blasts of a whistle, and with a jerk the car began to slide slowly out of the yard, the wheels clacking at the switches and groaning on the sharp curve that led onto the main track.

AS the trolley began to move, Mas looked out into the dark outside, cupping his hands around his eyes to shut out the light of the car's interior. Across the tracks and the vacant lot, now sliding by, the yellow square of a window still showed in the dark silhouette of the house. But cutting into the square now, as Mas had known would be the case, was the outlined figure, small and still, of a woman apparently looking out into the dark autumn dawn. He smiled but did not wave, knowing she probably could not see him.

Overhead, the moon, white, dead, serene, rode along with the train, now clicking steadily on the main track leading to Weston.

Just Reminiscing . . .

"For oft when on my couch I lie," — reflecting — sometimes "in pensive mood," memories of days gone by flash through my mind, and—

—I remember—

the Iris in full bloom at Hakiri, with sword-like leaves glistening with dew. A heart-lifting sight! Just hundreds of them—nay, thousands—all in glorious martial array—a flaming purple background to match the vividness of flowing silk kimonos and gay, twirling parasols.

—I remember also—

The Blackout trial.

We often read in magazines and newspapers of cities plunged into total darkness; of cities dreading air-raids, of cities crouching in fear of the approach of black, inevitable war. But actually to be in one . . . I have my own experience to relate . . . though just a trial one.

It was a warm, moonless July night, when I was still a stranger in a Tokyo dormitory. I had just come home from night school, loaded with home work (which was seldom done), tired with the hum-drum monotony of the day-to-day. Then, suddenly, I heard the shrill cry of the news hawk, shouting "Extra, Extra!" He had stopped at our dormitory door, leaving a pamphlet with a huge "Lights Out," splashed in big black ideographs.

Immediately our matron ordered us to extinguish the lights or to cover the lamps with black cloth, as our windows, like most others, had no blinds.

Soon, our whole city was enveloped in darkness—total darkness—and to any marauding raider ten thousand feet up, our city must have vanished into nothing.

Then followed the longest half-hour of waiting suspense I have ever known. Driven by desperation we tried to pass time as well as we could by doing our much neglected homework, by the narrow rays from the covered lamps. In memory now there is only, and all too vividly the horrible feeling of living in unending darkness . . . .

Now, looking back, I live again for a moment, that black night, and am thankful that it was merely a trial blackout. Here in beautiful Canada, where peace is strongly guarded, I feel thankful and grateful.

for

compared with other

countries and people, I can say

Fortunate We!

For some are blissfully enjoying sunshine . . . . . while others are deep in daily chores . . . and yet others, our leaders, are forever alert and watchful towards the welfare, harmony and goodwill of the people. Again I say, fortunate we, for are we not free from the dreadful ravages of falling bombs?

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Lily's A Trusting Wife . . .

By Sue Weiss

I should have known something was up the moment Lily came down to breakfast, for instead of bending over my News-Herald to plant a kiss or rumple my hair—yeh, I always pretend I don't like it—she said sweetly, "Good morning, Yoshi dear!" with a suggestive emphasis on the "dear." However, with income tax returns due and an important deal to close, I forgot the danger signal.

"I've been thinking over what you said last night," said Lily, her voice low and thoughtful.

"H'm, about time," I added. "It's high time women realized the need for economy!"

"Yes, dear, especially with the war as it is now," she piped in.

For a moment, I thought I detected something parrot-like in her words, but her face was free from guile. Better take a grip of myself. It's just my conscience, I told myself. I'd laid it on pretty thick the night before, but good God, $1.50 for a pair of stockings every week, and not nylon at that! Thank God her skin is allergic to the latter.

I gulped down my coffee. At the door, straightening my tie, Lily looked up and said, "And on the way to the office please stop in at Woodward's and get me two pairs of stockings. They're a real give-away, 69c! I saw them advertised last night. And hurry, dear, because it's a 9 o'clock special!"

So the little wife thought she was beating me at my own game, eh? Well, I'll show her. I guess I could do this. After all, women don't realize the value of money. It's the principle of the thing, by gosh! And with her "Size 9, dear, rose-beige, in chiffon," still ringing in my ears, I went down the street.

There was a good fifteen minutes before the hour, but it seemed that all the female population of Vancouver was waiting to get in. As I discreetly crept around a lady with four chins and a 12-inch feather in her hat, that tickled my ear, a peroxided, gum-chewing female nudged her companion in the ribs and said, "Lookit, a lady's man—ain't he cute!" The female so addressed, stopped her cadaverous operations long enough to say, "Yeh, he must be married. He wouldn't be hunting 9 o'clock specials, if he ain't!" Ye Gods, they must have meant me!

If I had any qualms as to not finding the hosiery counter, I needn't have, for when the bell rang, and the doors opened, I was shunted whizz-bang down the aisles, suspended between two well-padded individuals [illegible] who more or less saved me from the sea of very determined women, with "survival of the fittest" written on their very features. Height, it seems, counts for little on the bargain hunt. The qualifications are a thick skin, lots of nerve, and a physique generously padded to absorb the shocks given by other hunters. I had always wondered why some men preferred fat girls. Now, I know.

"Yosh, my boy," I said to myself, "remember the old college tackle —10—40—60—go!" I shut my eyes, and used my shoulder.

"What's the idea? Can't you wait yer turn?" rasped a beak-nosed female with the manners of a ground hog, and she made a lunge for the one pair of stockings I managed to salvage from the fast disappearing pile of 9 o'clock specials.

Ouch, my corn! I gently prodded the personage to my left to inform her that she was standing on my corn, only to be slapped over the head with an umbrella, and greeted with, "Don't get fresh, young man!" Fresh, me? Heaven forbid! And it was my corn, too!

I hailed a harassed-looking salesgirl. "Are these size 9's? Rose-beige? Size 10½'s? Only this one shade? They'll do. Give me two pairs!"

And I managed to stagger out. Ah! sweet fresh air! Ah! pure city air! And the two pairs of stockings to boot! What? one stocking missing, and the colour—a violent purple! O my God, purple!

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Lily understood perfectly. She'd wait till the next sale, she said. After all, it was very fortunate that I had met the client on the street. After all business is business, she had said, as she dusted off my coat.

"Look dear, here's a long string caught on your cuff button. What would you do without me, darling?" With this she yanked the string off.

From the kitchen came the fragrant smell of steak and onions—and would you believe it?—of apple pie! Yes, what would I do without Lily, the darling!

Yeh, you say, a guy's lucky to have a wife so trusting as Lily. That's what I thought until I sat down for my after-dinner smoke. And would you believe it? There, lying in the silver ash tray, was a white tag, "Clearance Sale, Woodward's, 69c." Yeh, that was the "string" on my cuff.

What did you say? Did I give her $1.50? Yeh, what else could I do?

Contributions Are Welcomed

A large part of the success The New Canadian has gained, has been due to the support of Nisei writers who have contributed articles, columns and poetry from time to time. Through them The New Canadian has been able to bring to its readers, both Nisei and otherwise, an effective cross-section of second generation opinion, as well as some of the best literary work ever produced by Canadian Nisei.

It is our hope that The New Canadian should continue to be the medium of expression not only for Nisei writers who have already gained a reputation for themselves, but [illegible] less experienced writers. Contributors of merit are always welcomed at all times, especially feature material such as is contained on this page. Manuscripts will be given every consideration, and criticism offered, whenever requested.

No Illusions

Nomura Tackles U.S.-Japan Relations

WASHINGTON — Confronted with a seemingly irreconcilable conflict in American-Japanese policies, Japan's new Ambassador to the United States, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, arrives this week from Tokyo on what has every promise of being a most difficult mission.

The new Envoy, who succeeds Kensuke Horinouchi, is expected to reach Washington in mid-February to encounter a coldly firm policy on the part of the American Government toward Japan's ambitious program in East Asia and alliance with Germany and Italy.

Admiral Nomura, a hardened veteran of Japanese politics who is looked upon by most officials here as personally friendly toward the United States, apparently has no illusions about the difficulties of his task.

He has declared without any display of optimism that he will do what he can to improve relations between the two countries.

In diplomatic quarters here, however, he is said to be aware of the grave difficulties of achieving better relations as long as Japan adheres to its present policies.

Younger Japanese who were considered for the post were said to have shunned it on the ground that it almost certainly would end their political careers.

Diplomats here see little that Admiral Nomura can achieve in the face of the open conflict in the policies of the two governments.

Review of Relations

Long-strained over the Japanese invasion of China, these relations have become more acute since Tokyo last September signed the tripartite pact with Germany and Italy.

They have been marked in recent months by successive restrictions on American exports to Japan under the policy of conserving strategic defense materials in this country.

The removal of the "moral embargo" on shipments of airplanes and other equipment to Soviet Russia emphasized in contrast the Government's firm policy against Japan, the country against which it first was applied because of the "unprovoked bombing" of civilian populations in China.

The goodwill gesture toward Russia, implied in the lifting of the "moral embargo," was believed to embody even strong implications for Japan, which has been seeking without noticeable success to improve relations with Moscow.

The growing conflict in American-Japanese policies was underscored in recent statements of Secretary of State Cordell Hull and the Japanese Foreign Minister, Yosuke Matsuoka.

Japanese Statement

The latter told the Japanese Diet Tuesday that the United States has "evinced no adequate understanding of the fact that the establishment of common prosperity throughout Greater East Asia is a matter of vital concern to Japan."

Asserting that the United States apparently entertains the idea that its own first line of national defense lies not only along the Eastern Pacific but even as far as China and the South Seas," Mr. Matsuoka said such a position "would not be calculated to contribute toward promotion of world peace."

American Viewpoint

To this, Secretary Hull replied in advance in appearing before the House Naval Affairs Committee last week.

"It has been clear throughout," he said, "that Japan has been actuated from the start by broad and ambitious plans for establishing herself in a dominant position in the entire region of the Western Pacific.

"It should be manifest to every person that such a program for the subjugation and ruthless exploitation by one country of nearly one half of the population of the world is a matter of immense significance, importance and concern to every other nation wherever located."

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This was revealed by Postal Bulletin No. 18112, released recently.

Postmasters are directed to refuse for mailing parcel post packages addressed for delivery in Japan, unless the senders have made previous arrangements with the addressee for compliance with Japanese import regulations. When these arrangements have been completed the parcels may be accepted provided they are marked by the senders to indicate that the addressees have obtained the necessary permits.

Marriage Gods Have Trouble In Nippon

TOKYO. — An organization called the Japanese „Race Strengthening Federation will be created under the sponsorship of the Welfare Ministry to increase marriages as the means to augment the country's population at a time when more man power is needed badly.

According to the Welfare Ministry, the marrying ages for both men and women have been advancing gradually in recent years, resulting in a decline in births.

The proposed federation will set up a network of matchmaking associations all over the country to facilitate marriages. Town, village, ward and neighborhood will organize associations, each complete with lists of marriageable men and women, their photos and necessary information about them. Comparing such lists gathered from match-making associations, the federation and branches will arrange marriages according to the plan.

Marriage Difficulties

Marriage problem experts say that there are four principal reasons why marriages are being delayed.

1. Girls wish to marry Imperial University graduates and live with their husbands separately from their parents.
2. Young men are seeking after pleasures, without marrying, on the pretext that their revenues are inadequate for married life.
3. Increase of women workers.
4. Parents are too apt to oppose love matches of their sons and daughters.

GVAA Badminton

Matsui Threatens Rep Team Shake-up

Strathcona shuttlers have collected nothing but headaches in recent days and "Mat" Matsui, czar of the local badminton circle, is threatening a general shakeup of the team. The reason for this sudden outburst of merciless threats being the most unfavorable results of recent G.V.A.A. match plays.

Last Friday the top-flight Shaughnessy Bees vanquished the local Nipponese and went home perfectly satisfied with a 9-7 victory. And as if one loss wasn't enough the Nisei rep team visited the cramped-up Chalmer gym and returned to Li'l Tokyo with the worst beating yet. The score, incidentally, was 15 to 1.

Against the Shaughnessy Bees the men's double games were mixups, winning in a sort of round-robin fashion both the Nipponese and the visiting male duos cashed in one victory apiece. The ladies also split their differences, but the real test of superlative strength came in the mixed doubles. Both Okumura-Koyanagi and Matsui-Deshima combinations enjoyed a victory apiece, but the Tanaka-Hyodo duo failed to click and lost both their games thereby giving the odd game to the Bees.

15-1, Ouch!

It's hardly necessary to comment on the terrific massacre at the hands of the league-leading Chalmers. Although alibis fly around thick and fast a 15-1 shellacking just can't be alibied off with the twist of the finger.

Having the sole honor of winning the only game, a saviour from a complete shutout was the lone win by the ace-mixed-pair "Mat" Matsui and Fumi Deshima.

Tuxis Keep Going But Monarchs Falter

Playing a hard-pressing brand of hoopla with all the fighting determination to chalk up their first win, the hitherto winless Trojans staved off Fairview's desperate last-minute rally to emerge with a 34 to 33 victory last Saturday. Both squads scoring in spurts, the lead changed from one to the other, but it was mainly Satoshi Yamabe's brilliant third-quarter 6-point splurge that settled the game in favor of the cellar-team.

The tide almost turned for the league-leading Tuxis boys when the underdog Marpole dished out a surprise brand of melon-tossing and carried them to an overtime session. In the extra period, however, lanky Ochiai and Sunahara salted another win away, 25 to 19, for the Tuxis lads by swishing in three quickies.

Monarchs who had a half-share to the league supremacy, lost their hold last Saturday night when they were outhustled by the fast Yehudis, 31-23. Yehudis paced by their hawkeye forwards, Kawamoto and Maikawa who swished in 10 and 8 points respectively, lost the lead only once when the junior East Enders drew level, 17 to 17, in the third quarter, but drew ahead again to breeze in easy victors.

Trojans—Matsuba 8, Igashira 3, Yamabe 14, Yamasaki 3, Uyeno 6, Fujioka, Tanemura—34.

Fairview—Saisho 6, Ohashi 4, Hori 4, Nakashima, Maeda 5, Nishikawa 3, Tomonaga 7, T. Nishikawa 2—33.

Tuxis—Shimotakahara 1, Ochiai 10, Hyodo 6, Yano, Sunahara 8, Oyama—25.

Marpolo—Kuwabara, Seki 8, Uchiyama 2, Nishi, Arima 4, Fujioka 3, Ono, Furukawa, Nakazawa 2—19.

Yehudis—Natsuhara 2, Maikawa 8, Amemori 4, Tabata 3, Kawamoto 10, Kimura 2, Iwata, Funamoto 2—31.

Monarchs—N. Fujisawa 8, E. Fujisawa, Toyama 5, Takahashi, Oshiro 4, Ohara 6—23.

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Maikawas Surprise Harrys To Tie League Leadership

Monarchs Maul Nomads; Celts Sink Ernies

The amazing Maikawa team inspired by their previous win over the league-leading Harry's, jumped into a first-place tie with Harry's boys last Wednesday night by taking a 31 to 27 victory.

The aspirants for the bye-spot in the playoffs have definitely narrowed down to these two teams with M & N right out of money for the bye.

Playing dandy hoopla, the rugged Maikawas ran the rampaging Harrys to a standstill, but it was mainly their last-quarter rally, headed by Yuki Uno's eagle-eye shooting, that decided the game in favor of the department store boys.

In the fast and furious last quarter, the clothiers nearly went frantic trying to get baskets, but the old pill rimmed the hoop and just wouldn't drop through the net.

Ashikawa Still On

Shig Ashikawa scored 12 points during the evening, 8 of them in the second quarter, when Harry's took to the dressing-room at the half leading 16-13.

Battling basket for basket in the third quarter, the hard-playing Maikawa crew drew up to within one basket. Two quickies by rookie Tosh Hashimoto and Shig Ashikawa drove Harry's still farther ahead at the start of the final stanza, but that was as far as the aspiring champions could get. George Ide, who switched from M. & N. to Maikawa started the rally that ended with Maikawa's holding a 2-basket lead.

"Killer" Clicks As 'J.C.' Bounce Beavers

The JCCL quintet finally clambered back aboard the winning van again at the expense of the weakened Beaver squad in a league game played last week at the Centennial gym.

The first half score was 14-10 in favor of the JCCL with "Killer" Kondo being responsible for all his team's points in this half.

With resumption of play after half-time, the Beavers, who were minus the services of Yon Shimizu all evening, were a badly beaten team and the game ended with the final score 26-11.

JCCL—S. Shimizu 2, G. Kuwata, E. Kondo 20, S. Ioi, J. Shimizu 2, M. Kawasoe 2—26.

Beavers — T. Uyedo 2, G. Uyede, H. Ioi 3, K. Kuwabara 2, P. Hasegawa 4, K. Takahashi—11.

They say Shig Ashikawa was off, but off or on, he still maintains averages in the double figures. Yuki Uno who played a whale of a game for Maikawa's led his team with a 10-point performance.

In the intermediate tilts, the highly-tauted Nomads failed miserably to withstand the tall East End Monarchs' driving onslaught and crumbled to a 39-17 shellacking.

Tokawa brothers, Toru and Al, Monarch sparkplugs led the snipers with 14 and 11 points respectively.

Celtics chalked up their third win of the season, 32-25 at the expense of Ernies. Playing a close-checking and short-passing combination, the Celtics held the lead right through the game.

Harry's—Hori, Ashikawa 12, Onishi 2, Akiyama 6, Yanagizawa, Wakabayashi 3, Hashimoto 4—27.

Maikawa—Maniwa 4, Suga 6, Nikaido 5, Mitsui, Ishida 4, Uno 10, Ide 2—31.

Monarchs—Machida 2, T. Tokawa 14, A. Tokawa 11, Takada 2, Inouye 3, Miyasaki 2—39.

Nomads—Akiyama, Tsukamoto 9, Yoshinaka 2, Ozaki 2, Nishimura 2, Nakatani 2—17.

Ernies—Umakoshi 3, Arai 3, Shimoda 9, Sato 2, Suga 1, Matsuba 1—25.

Celtics—Kano 4, Ishikawa 6, Miki 2, Minamimaye 2, Kadonaga 7, Sasaki 4, Omotani, T. Kano 7—32.

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Sport SPOTLITE

Trouble! Headache! Worry! One right after another. Filling the post of secretary to the Japanese Basketball League is no easy meat, especially in an active year like the present. What's the matter? Well, let me tell you: It should bring out the tears. I guess you're well acquainted with the big event on the basketball schedule. If you're not, you'll soon hear about it because nearly everybody in town from kids of 16 years of age to "?" years (meaning Roy Yamamura, George Ishiwara, Mickey Maikawa and many other old-timers) are selling the tickets, and sooner or later you're going to be hooked.

The tickets read "International Sports Dance" or "International Cage Games", and all over town vivid posters (through courtesy of Japanese League's lone artist Tak Yamada) illustrate the forthcoming classic event between Seattle and Vancouver. Now here's where my worry starts. Conducting all the negotiations with the Seattleites, I air-mailed the official league invitation to Seattle, but nearly a week has passed and I've yet to receive any reply. What if they don't accept? B'rrr, I hate to think of it. The suspense is getting me and if I don't get an answer soon, I'll go bugs. (Confidentially I haven't got far to go. . . No cracks.)

Anyhow I stated specifically in the letter to give me a definite answer by the 1st of February, so just hold your seats for a couple more days.

Meanwhile with less than a month to go, preparations to make this classic international event the highlight of the year are going on in full swing. Hundreds of tickets have been distributed to outlying districts as well as nearly everyone in town, so this dance should promise to set a precedent for a record crowd at a Nisei dance.

The dance tickets sold at $1.25 a couple entitles a couple to see the two international cage games. For those that don't dance, tickets to the game alone will cost 25c. Any ladies paying admission to the games may stay for the dance at no extra charge. So girls don't be afraid to come out. You'll be more than welcome.

Don't forget then to keep the 22nd of February open to join in with the fun with the Japanese Basketball League at the super-modern Exhibition Gardens to the merry rhythm of Val Mock, drummer, par excellence, and his 10-piece orchestra.

Last Tuesday night, the Vancouver Nippons got their first workout under the professional eye of one of the city's outstanding basketballer, George Siborne. Siborne now filling the capacity of player-coach for Stacy's in the inter-city loop, formerly played for the champion Westerns that made the trip to Japan two years ago.

Members of the Nippons are asked to be out by 15 to 7 instead of 15 minutes after. George Siborne has kindly offered his services gratis, so each member should see to it that they get out on time and give him full co-operation.

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Harry Miyasaki's aggregation of colorful cagers will journey to Woodfibre this Saturday for an exhibition game. In one meeting this year, Woodfibre dropped their game to Harry's on a Vancouver court, so this time they'll be gunning for revenge on their home court.

Along with the many out-of-town requests, Port Moody has invited the local Intermediate All-Stars and a cagette team to pay them a call. Saturday February 8th has been the date set and the cagette representatives will be most likely the Silver 7's with a few additions to strengthen the team.

Femmes In Sport

Cards Trounce 'Belles To Take Lead

The red-shirted Cardinals, urged from the bench by guardian angel Kaz Suga, took an undisputed lead in the Cagette League last Tuesday night when they trounced the Blubelles 21-10.

While Flo Ikeda and Akiko Yoshinaka kept the hoop burning with accurate shooting, the losers stood idle and failed to counter even one basket in the first and third quarters.

It was a walk-away in the fourth. Blubelles' Amy Horisaki and Haruko Maruno shoved in three quickies but their last-minute rally fizzled out.

In the handing out of plaudits Florence Ikeda gets first choice. Her sterling performance and accurate sniping netted her 12 points to bring her total up to 34, the highest in the cagette league. Her closest rival is her team-captain, Akiko Yoshinaka, with 27 points.

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Local Badminton

Y.P. Headed For League Supremacy

Last Monday's Japanese Badminton League tussle proved how evenly balanced the different team calibres were when the highly favored Gakuyukai shuttlers were held to a 5-all tie by Steveston and the defending champion Y.P. bunch nipped the Maple Ridge delegation by a scant 6-4 margin.

Laurels went last Monday to the two local lassies Kiyo Obokata and Sadako Iwasaki whose steady playing edged out Rose Miyasaki and Jane Koyanagi in the crucial match that gave Steveston their tie.

Y.P.'s supremacy in the men's doubles largely contributed to their victory over Maple Ridge. The locals collected three wins of the four games played.

With the schedule almost completed, Y.P.S. seems headed for the shuttle supremacy but in the few remaining games left, anything can happen. Next week Y.P.S. tangles with Strathcona and GYK meet Maple Ridge. Steveston enjoys the bye.

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